

Student Council President Answers

"Has the Student Council really taken action of its own to clear up necking in the halls, etc? Wasn't Mr. Aldrich the first one to suggest action?"

In answer to the preceding questions, taken from an editorial by the Editor in the most recent **Sem**, the Student Council wishes to answer all questions concerning the now infamous Student Council resolution.

Shortly after the advent of the present school year, Mr. Aldrich requested that the Student Council give its views on the topics of smoking and hall conduct. The Student Council, in its honest effort to assist Mr. Aldrich, spent nearly three hours in discussion and presented their ideas to the principal.

The following week, Mr. Aldrich met with each class and presented to them certain standards of behavior for YHS students. Although Mr. Aldrich certainly used the Student Council's report as a guide, his regulations did not follow exactly the ideas set forth by the Student Council.

At this point, a group of SC members met and set down on paper the resolution containing the actual recommendations of the Student Council. This resolution was later given to Mr. Aldrich for his consideration and approval.

It must be understood that, at no time, was the Student Council superceding its powers. Article VI, Section I of the Student Council Constitution states: "The Council shall have power to make rules and regulations affecting student customs, elections, celebrations, ceremonies, interscholastic and inter-class games and contests of all kinds, the general be-

havior of the student body, and the welfare of the school. The standard by which the action of the Council shall be determined and judged shall be the welfare of the school." This clearly expresses the Student Council's right to pass rules and regulations.

The Student Council did not, and does not feel now, however, that it has the necessary wisdom and experience to make and enforce rules for the entire student body. Therefore, the Council requested that Mr. Aldrich appoint a faculty committee to work jointly with the Student Council in reviewing and revising the resolution and other school rules. Members of this committee are Mr. Aldrich, Mr. Cox, Miss Slade, Mr. Bohn, Mr. Dusbiber, Miss Bewalda, Mrs. Edwards, Scott Davison, Tina Bjornstad, Joe Sobran, and Craig Atchinson.

The resolution is now being considered by this committee and their findings will be released as soon as possible.

The Student Council firmly believes that any of its business should be released for publication, not only in its minutes which are posted in each homeroom, but also in the school paper. However, the resolution was not, of course, released for publication since it had not yet become law and may well be changed. While this fact may well signify the reason why many of the statements in the **Sem** were erroneous, there is one glaring mistake which must be rectified. Contrary to what was stated, Mr. Aldrich is strongly in favor of an active, legislating Student Council. It is along these lines that the Student Council hopes to fulfill its role in the betterment of Ypsilanti High School.

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Tenure Protects Teachers Lincoln Visits YHS

What is tenure? It may be defined as the right of a teacher, after a successful period of probationary experience, to

hold his position as long as he renders efficient service. Tenure is an expression of confidence by the community in its teaching staff.

Student Council Sets Meeting

Our Student Council will conduct a general business meeting at 7:00 pm on Thursday, November 26, 1963, in the Ypsilanti High School cafeteria.

The student body and the faculty are invited and urged to attend. Members of the audience will have the opportunity to introduce new business as well as to ask questions.

This meeting will be held to arouse student interest and participation in student government. If the Council thinks the meeting is a success, similar meetings will be held on the second Wednesday of each month.

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JUNIOR CLASSICAL LEAGUE

The Officers of the Latin Club met last week and decided to postpone the initiation of new members until February, when Latin week is celebrated.

Book covers are still on sale and may be obtained from the officers or from Miss Crothers in room 320.

The Ypsilanti area has had tenure since 1949. Yet, because of the "Permission Act," some areas in Michigan have tenure while others do not. This act gives an area the right to accept or reject tenure, depending on the vote of the people.

Mr. Krzewinski and others in Ypsilanti feel that we should get rid of this act. They are petitioning the state legislature to take the bill which would extend tenure to all areas in Michigan out of the Committee. Once out of the Committee, it would be submitted to a general vote. Then, if the bill were approved, we would have a uniform system of tenure throughout Michigan. At the present time, 300,000 signatures of registered voters from all over Michigan are needed on this petition.

The first tenure program was introduced in Michigan in 1937. But still Michigan is behind other states in tenure participation. Only twenty-seven percent of the teachers in Michigan are covered by tenure; most of them in South-eastern Michigan. According to latest figures, 70 per cent of the teachers in the United States are covered by tenure.



On Friday November 8, Miss Iseminger's sixth hour English class had a most welcomed visitor. They actually had a chance to talk with and question none other than the world famous personality — Abraham Lincoln. He was dressed in his finest attire, right down (or up) to his tall top hat.

He (in reality, John Willoughby) answered all the questions presented to him with great ease and accuracy. He was in every way the gentleman whom we all remember. Dear old Honest Abe.

Parents View Ypsi High

The National Honor Society members acted as guides for parents during Open House on Monday evening, November 11, from 7:30 to approximately 9:15 pm.

The program started with an assembly in the auditorium from 7:30 to 7:50. From there, our parents visited our homerooms. At 8:00 they started visiting our different classes and individual teachers. Here, they inquired about our "progress," and how they, as parents, can help us to improve. At 9:15, their "class night" was over.

On TV Again

This year the YHS Band and Drum Corps have received several unusual performance invitations. The Band and Drum Corps will put on a joint half-time show at the Detroit Lions Football game this Sunday. The show will be locally televised. In addition to this, the Band has been given the opportunity to participate in the J L Hudson Thanksgiving Day Parade, which is nationally televised each year. The day after Thanksgiving, the Drum Corps will represent YHS in the Ann Arbor Christmas Parade. All in all it looks like big times ahead for the YHS music department.

Council Discusses School Standards

Students no longer need to worry and wonder about what is right and wrong in or around school. Soon there will be a Student Handbook available to everyone. This idea of a handbook has been tried in other schools with success, so the Student Council decided to give it a try.

The job of writing this little "aide to the student" has fallen to the Rules and Regulations Committee of the SC. The Council decided to include four teachers to work along with the four students on this committee. The four chosen teachers are Miss Bewalda, Mr. Dusbiber, Mrs. Edwards, and Mr. Bohn. The four students are Tina Bjornstad, Gary Allen, Joe Sobran, and Craig Atchinson.

Included in the Handbook will be the new resolutions (if they are passed), and other rules which have been in effect before. It will not only tell the rules, but also how they will be enforced and punished.

There have been questions in the past about what was and was not acceptable in school. The Council hopes that this guide will clarify any ideas and problems.

Honor Vet's Day

Mr. Aldrich called an assembly for seniors last Monday, Veterans' Day, for the purpose of eliciting an appreciation for that day.

Mr. Aldrich feels that not enough people appreciate the significance of this day. He called attention to the plaque in front of Mr. Cox's office, donated by the Class of 1920, honoring the students, teachers and alumni who served in the First World War.

Too Much Smoking

by Tina Bjornstad

Isn't it marvelous that we have so many Marlboro men in our school? Some of them smoke Viceroy's and are "thinking men," or Salems, and are "lady killers." All of them though, feel they are real hairy-chested men and all of the women are dying to go steady with them.

Just observe these breath-stopping creatures standing in front of snack bar or pulling into the parking lot in the morning. Occasionally they may be seen in the boys' bathroom, that is, if the smoke screen can be penetrated.

Maybe you recall that series of three fire drills we had rather close together recently. In case you hadn't heard, you may thank those hairy-chested men for getting you out of class as they were proving their masculinity by playing with matches and cigarettes in the boy's john. In their horsing around they obviously thought very highly of the lives of their fellow classmates.

Resolution Poll Taken

Joan Bishop —

There is only one point in the Resolution that I agree with; that is concerning the dress of the students. On the other hand, I think that Mr. Aldrich should have more power in establishing the rules of our student body's conduct than the Student Council. I do agree with Mr. Aldrich on the fact that there should be no hand holding, smoking, etc. in the school building. These standards of behavior would lower the reputation of Ypsilanti High School.

Judy Rhodin —

I agree with the Student Council on the new resolution in that they are voicing our views on this subject of hand-holding and dress. I don't think the Council should be condemned for the action it has taken.

Peg Neal —

I think it's a very good idea. It represents the ideas of the student body and I feel that the students will cooperate a lot more if they are given a chance such as this to express their ideas.

DFN —

Personally I feel that the SC needed to make a clarification of the general rules on student conduct. But they did a foolish thing saying you may not show personal affection to your girl in the school building, then saying it is all right to hold hands. Have you ever noted some people holding hands? The Student Council contradicted themselves. It should read **none** at all. Oh, yes, who is going to enforce the rule? I am sure the Student Council doesn't want the job.

A Student —

I am completely in favor of our Student Council. They have expressed my personal opinion on such matters as holding hands in the halls, smoking, dress, etc. It is now up to the student body to put forth every effort to support their decision.

Preston Peterson —

I think this resolution is a good idea. Because, if the students are given a few liberties, they would be more apt to obey set school rules, such as no smoking in and around school grounds.

William Smith —

I truthfully think that every student should know his or her own limits so that we wouldn't have these problems in the beginning.

Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

I was truly shocked when I read the last issue of the Sem. Freedom of speech is great and most certainly should be exercised. But when you incriminate a person or a group with incorrect and slanderous material, you over-step your bounds.

Staring me directly in the face on the front page, is a greatly magnified editorial, an "anti-resolution" editorial. The other two items in the Sem on the resolution were also presenting the negative view. In the whole paper, I found no straight-forward, factual news article which dealt with the resolution as a whole. What kind of reporting is this?

When the council first heard the administration's policy, it thought, that as a representative body, elected by **you**, it should also take a stand for the students and their feelings. We did this in the form of a resolution, as is properly condoned by the constitution, which you, the student body, adopted.

This resolution was not presented until three weeks (not a month as was stated before) after it was approved by Mr. Aldrich. This was because: (1) at the beginning of the year, the Council carries on its greatest load of business, and thus, we were filled up to our ears with this work; (2) the sophomore representatives had not yet joined our council to aid in its functioning; and (3) we did not want to present our resolution unless it was really in the best interest of everybody. We did not endorse hand-holding at anytime, but rather we felt that a compromise was necessary to accomodate both sides.

This topic was carefully considered, not a "spur-of-the-moment" thing. Before a resolution was even considered, we discussed the topics it contains in a three hour session.

Your council members sacrifice many things, so that they serve you honestly and sincerely. I am sorry that the envious bystander is so jealous of our accomplishments. Please, don't fight us, join us.

We are your spokesmen. If you don't like something, tell us, and explain why. You can help us in this way. We will recognize anyone's concern for his school. This is what we want. Thank you.

Scott Davison
Vice President,
Student Council

To the Editor:

In the last two issues of the Sem, the French Club news has been written in French. I think this is a marvelous idea, as it gives the French students at Ypsilanti High School a chance to see some French outside of their language classes. However, I think it should be accurate. I have noticed in both issues of the Sem which carried Cercle Francais news in French, obvious errors. Perhaps the writer of this item might have it cleared for accuracy by either of our French teachers. I know they would both be more than willing to cooperate.

Sincerely,
Veronica Brose

The Mouse Roars Soon

The title of this year's All-School Play, "The Mouse That Roared," certainly sets a fast moving pace for the hilarious light-hearted comedy. On the nights of November 21 and 22, our cast of players, under the direction of Mrs. Morton, will present one of the most laughable comedies ever contrived on our stage.

The Mouse That Roared is the story of a small nation, the Duchy of Grand Fenwick, which declares war on the United States. Because Grand Fenwick captures the "Q-bomb," it becomes the most powerful nation in the world!

Of course, the ending of this amusing situation is certainly a surprise, one which you cannot afford to miss. Why not come to see the humorous play, a cast of fine performers, and, at the same time, have an enjoyable evening!

The play will be presented in the Ypsilanti High School Auditorium at 8:00 pm. Tickets will be sold by members of the cast and in the first floor corridor all next week. Admission is 75 cents.

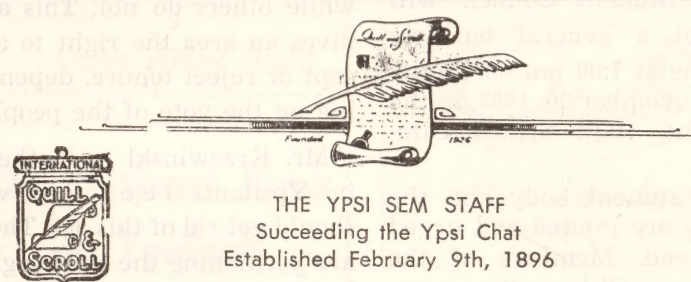


Duchess Gloriana commands Chief High Constable Tully Bascom to invade New York City while her crafty uncle Count Mountjoy gives her "wise" council. Characters are (from l to r): George Ridenour, Lise Jensen, and Joe Sobran.

New Club Anyone?

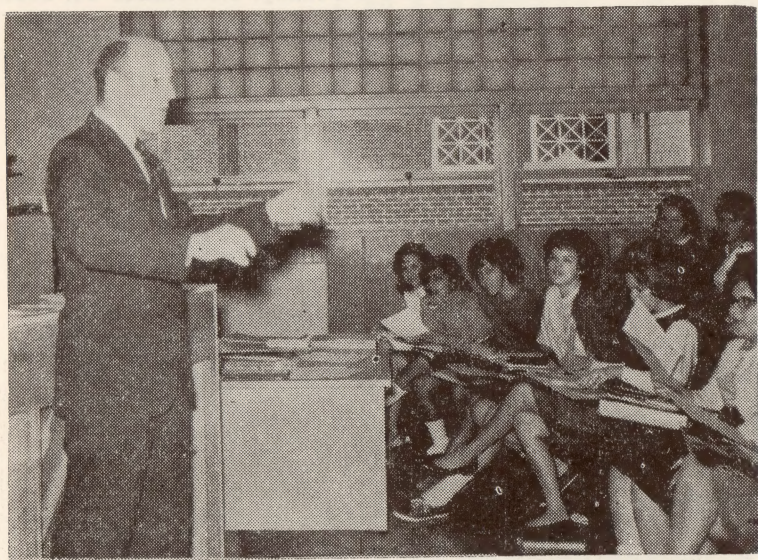
Does anyone wish to join a hot rod club? If so, please get in touch with Vernon Usher or Richard Gary. The purpose of the club is to work on models or real cars, if possible. Grinnell's is sponsoring the club,

but to make it a school club, they need a teacher supervisor. Therefore, if there are any faculty members interested in such a position, would they please contact one of the above.



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PERSONALITY SPOTLIGHT

Billy Butterfield, Jerry Colona, Milton Berle, Johnny Long — and Ypsilanti High School students. These are some of the people Mr. Earle Pearson, vocal music teacher, has worked with during his varied career.

A native of Hazleton Pennsylvania, Mr. Pearson attended Westchester State College for three years before enlisting in the Army. Four years of military service was followed by three years on the road as a professional musician.

After receiving his teaching degree and MA from Westchester State, Mr. Pearson ventured to the University of Michigan and began working on a degree in Musicology. Twelve years ago he began teaching in the public schools in Michigan.

Mr. Pearson is also an accomplished musician and plays eleven instruments. Our new vocal instructor has brought Ypsi High his many years of experience and training for all the promising young vocalists.

Guess Who?

Who is this distinguished-looking gentleman? He is known for dramatically whipping off his glasses and setting them on the table after writing a math problem on the board. Occasionally he ominously murmurs, "Miss Ballios!" or "Now Chuckie . . ." His most famous pronouncements though are, "By the use of the Pythagorean theorem," and "Triangle functions are such fun!"

We won't give you any hints but just his kindly smile may ring a bell for those of you who have seen him just as he is ready to give one of his "easy" (choke, choke) tests.



Dear Aunt Phoebe

Dear Aunt Phoebe,

I hate to correct you, but there **is** such a thing as a nice boy, for I've been going with one for over a year now.

"Someone Who Knows"

Dear Aunt Phoebe,

I truly agree with "Someone," because I, too, met a boy who is especially nice!

"Another Someone"

Dear Aunt Phoebe,

My girlfriend asked me to get a pair of white Levi's. She says they're "cool." Now she is mad at me because I refuse to buy and wear a pair of pants I don't like, just to be "cool." What now?

"A Square"

Dear Square,

Levi's are fine if they're worn properly, like any other apparel. It's just when some boys insist on wearing them like stretch pants that they earn a repulsive name. I'm glad to see someone stand up for what they believe in. Your girl should be forgiving enough to see that!

Aunt Phoebe

Dear Aunt Phoebe,

How do you feel about going steady? I am seventeen.

"Unsure"

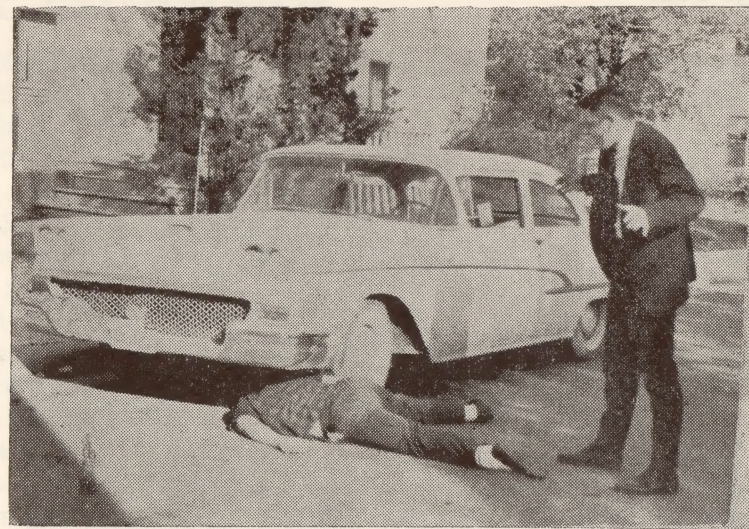
Dear Unsure,

It's nice if you've got the time and reputation. Leave such things alone until you are finished with high school and until you ARE sure.

Dear Aunt Phoebe,

I'm a new student here at Ypsi High, and I would like to use your column to express my gratitude to all the kids and teachers who were so nice to me. Their friendliness really helped me out. Thank you again.

"A Former Cooleyite"



Who is it this time Clark? Haven't you been told before to be careful and look out for little kids who dart into the street?

Heap of the Week

The vehicle of this week is pictured above with owner and "operator" Clark Lennert. This white '58 Ford has "three-on-the-column," white walls, hard seats, and bald tires. The engine has 5 or 6 cylinders, depending on how it's running. One of his added attractions is that wonderful sound, "just like a truck."

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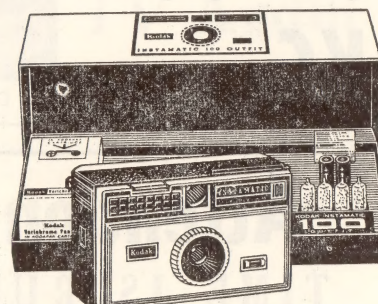
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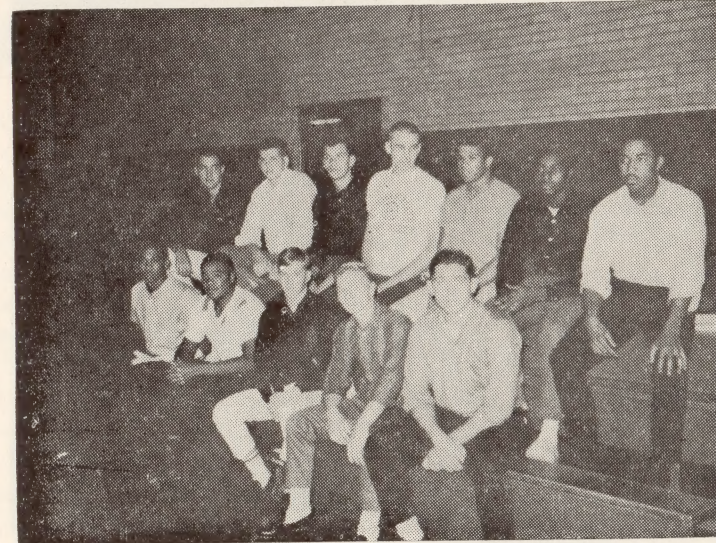
3 Points Gained

Completion of the fall season finds Ypsilanti in last place in the competition for all sports in the Huron-Rouge League. The rating is based on a scale giving one point per team. For example: Lincoln Park finished first in both football and cross country. Receiving six points for each first place, it now leads the league with twelve points. The team that finishes second receives five points; third, four points; etc. By adding the points received for both cross country and football, the sports rating of the school is obtained.

Lincoln Park is off to a flying start, but there are still two seasons to go including baseball, basketball, swimming, tennis, track, and wrestling.

Huron-Rouge League All Sports Standings (Fall):

Team	CC	Fb	Pts
Lincoln Park	1st	1st	12
Wayne	3rd	3rd	8
Dearborn	2nd	5th	7
Melvindale	6th	2nd	6
Edsel Ford	4th	4th	6
Ypsilanti	5th	6th	3



Graduating Varsity Football Players.

Ypsi Off to Slow Start

Cross Country Ends Season

Our cross country team concluded their season this year by placing fifth in the Huron-Rouge League. Their accomplishments included victories over the Romulus, Howell, and Melvindale teams. One of which, Melvindale, was a league meet. In the Neapolean Invitational Meet they placed fifth. In the Regional Meet they came in eighth out of twenty-four teams, and in the Huron-Rouge Conference Meet, they placed fifth.

Leading the harriers on was Coach Levi Simpson, who continued the fine job of Coach Lee, last year's coach. Assisting Coach Simpson were co-captains Terry Larson and Charles Beatty. Also giving a boost to the team's spirit and morale was sophomore Tom Gillum, who has turned in some surprising times for his first year on the team. In a meet held here early in the

season, Gullum turned in a time of 11:21 for the two-mile run, which was a course record at that time.

On the whole, the team worked very hard and did fairly well considering mid-season injuries to both co-captains, Beatty and Larson.

The new co-captains for the coming year will be Dave Larson and Rufus Stewart.

The State Championship Meet was held here in Ypsilanti at the Washtenaw Country Club. This year the state champion cross country team was Birmingham Seaholm.

Huron-Rouge League Final Standings

Team	W	L
Lincoln Park	5	0
Wayne Memorial	4	1
Dearborn	3	2
Dearborn Edsel Ford	2	3
Ypsilanti	1	4
Melvindale	0	5

GAC News

Winners and new champions of the Girls' Athletic Club are the Seniors!!

They made a clean sweep of gaining the title last Thursday at the volleyball tournament by beating the Juniors fifteen to six and fifteen to three. The Juniors are holding second place and the Sophomores are in third. This year's team captains are: Seniors, Patt Horne and Terry Knox; Juniors, Rita Oliver and Judy

Cooke; Sophomores, Burnetha Jordon and Gladys Phelps. To make the team the girls had to be present at three out of five five practices. Fifty-two girls participated.

The GAC held its initiation on October 24 at seven o'clock in the school gym. Girls who were being initiated were given instructions as to what to wear to the ceremony. A total of nineteen girls were initiated. The Seniors had a night full of laughs and smiles at the initiation of their underclassmen.

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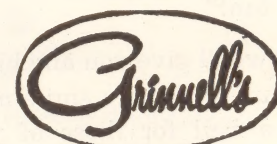
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